

## Chris O'Brien

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:48 AM  
**To:** Chris O'Brien  
**Subject:** In Support of RI Promise

Dear Committee,

I am writing you this letter, in regards to the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship, and to ask for the opportunity to be permanently accessible to students. The Promise Scholarship personally helped me when I started my journey at the Community College of Rhode Island, as a high school graduate in 2018. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to afford all my supplies or textbooks. I'm a first-generation student and on my way to being the first in my family to have earned an Associates' degree- let alone move on to a four-year university. The scholarship helped me set up the foundation for a successful transition to Rhode Island College.

To add to that, I also have learning impairments that made me believe that graduating would be a pipe dream. The resources and assistance I received from my advisors, and professors helped me see that my dream is an attainable goal. If I did not have this support, I more than likely would have not gained the skills I have now. Taking advantage of this opportunity granted me the confidence to excel in class, and out in the workforce.

I worked as a Welcome Day Leader at CCRI, where we gave incoming students orientations and a tour of the campus. The college hired students specifically to share their experience and give new students support on a peer to peer level. Sharing my positive insight was incredibly helpful and rewarding to the students, especially since a vast majority of them were RI Promise scholars.

The Promise Scholarship becoming permanent, will supply others the opportunity to be successful, and afford full-time attendance. I have no doubts that students will take full advantage of the scholarship, gaining long term stability and success outside of the workplace as a result. Please don't allow finances or expenses be the barricade stopping an individual's path to higher education.

Sincerely,

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